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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING SAFASIA

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INDICATIONS IN REFTEL THAT USARJ AND OTHER ARMY COMMANDS RECOGNIZE NEED FOR EMBASSY-GOJ DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT OF SAFASIA FORCES WELL BEFORE TIME THAT REDEPLOYMENT TAKES PLACE. THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS GREATLY HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE SENSE OF MUTUALITY IN THE SECURITY TREATY.

2. HOWEVER, EMBASSY CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT CONCUR THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT GIVE PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF SAFASIA RESULTS FROM USG-GOJ DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING US FORCES DEPLOYMENT IN JAPAN. IN FACT, WE HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ, AND GOJ HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PRESSED US FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF SAFASIA. CONSEQUENTLY, WE FEEL THAT PROPOSED RELEASE (PARA THREE REFTEL) BE AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE ALL REFERENCE TO QTE

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CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE

US ON THE PRESENCE OF US MILITARY FORCES IN JAPAN UNQTE.

3. FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR Q'S
AND A'S:

A. ADD FOLLOWING QUESTION: WITH ANSWER TO BE SUPPLIED BY
APPROPRIATE COMMAND: DOES REDEPLOYMENT AND DEACTIVATION OF THIS
UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION INDICATE A USG
DECISION THAT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A NEED FOR US PARTICIPATION
IN UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE SITUATIONS IN ASIA?

B. ADD FOLLOWING QUESTION WITH ANSWER TO BE SUPPLIED BY
APPROPRIATE COMMAND: ARE THERE STILL ANY OF THESE SF UNITS STATIONED
ELSEWHERE IN THE FAR EAST AND IF SO, WILL THEY ALSO BE WITH-
DRAWN IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

C. ADD FOLLOWING Q AND A: WAS THIS DECISION MADE AS A RESULT OF
JAPANESE POLITICAL PRESSURE? ANS: NO

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION ASAP AS TO TIMING OF
REDEPLOYMENT SO THAT WE CAN INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ.
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